Much of his career was spent with the N. C. Department of Natural Resources. It was while they were in Raleigh that their third child, Allison, was born; in 1959. In 1960 he was transferred to Greenville, NC where the state had just opened a regional office of Natural Resources. He was made Regional Engineer for the fifty eastern counties of N. C. They lived in Greenville for four years and moved back to Farmville upon his mother's death in 1967. They lived in his old home place for a year while building a house next door. His father lived with them for ten years until his death in 1977.

Following retirement in 1981, AC became a "gentleman" farmer growing Christmas trees, cows, sheep, and hogs. He didn't go back to milking, however. He was active in many areas and served on several boards such as the Farmville Benevolent Assn. and Meals on Wheels. He was named to the Pitt County Board of Health where he served eighteen years, seven as Chairman. He and Vivian were active in churches wherever they lived. He served in almost every church office at one time or another.

AC died in August 2005 leaving his wife, three children, and three granddaughters, all of whom he had a tremendous influence on. The three granddaughters are Allison's – Lauren, Karen, and Haven. He and Vivian were married 54 years. See Vivian's biography for the saga of their courtship and marriage.